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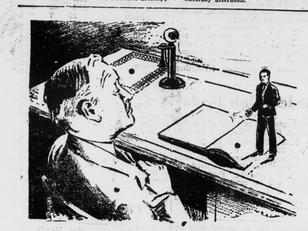

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By MAIDA SMITH
(Associated Newspapers.)
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"IT HAS come," cried Billy, excitement limned upon his tanned face, "barely in time, too."

Alicia made suitable exclamations, her own face relieved. The ring that he slipped upon her fourth finger was exquisite, indeed, but she had seen it before when he had taken her into the jewelry store to select it. She had wanted to wear it home, but Billy had insisted that the size was a trifle too large and it had been left for alteration.

"Billy," reflected the petted young woman, "is oddly restless." In the store he had whispered and gesticulated when he withdrew with the clerk and now he seemed almost on the eve of doing a shuffle of joy as he stared at his love token.

At that moment her father entered, his small, shrewd eyes resting impassively upon the pretty tableau.

"The ring came just in time for the engagement party," babbled Billy, wiping his brow.

"Well, one would naturally expect to see him wearing one," returned Mr. Smithers unenthusiastically. "Is your dad here, yet?"

Bill shook his sleek head. "He'll be here tomorrow." He gulped, flushed, and then murmured: "I took the liberty of bringing a guest, Alicia; she's an artist and an old friend. I thought she'd enjoy the doings."

Mr. Smithers did not repress his surprise, although his daughter, in the flush of joy proper to a newly engaged girl, tried to smirk convincingly.

"Where is—she?" she let fall belatedly.

Billy ran his finger inside his collar. "I—brought her with me. She's out there."

Puzzled, but mindful of her obligations as hostess, Alicia stepped into the hall where she now perceived a small and radiant figure sitting in a deep chair before the fireplace.

"Betty Bernard, Alicia, and a good scout," stammered Billy.

An influx of hilarious guests almost drowned the ensuing words and Betty was swept upstairs with the other girls.

In an incredibly short time, however, she was back with the engaged couple and Alicia found herself at her elbow constantly through the evening. Even when they all piled into cars en route for the Scarlet Parrot, Betty squeezed into Bill's speedster with them and when Alicia, becoming a trifled bored with the persistent attentions of the good scout, asked Jim to take her away to another table at the cabaret, she saw, with mounting annoyance, that the two were within two feet of her.

Presently, intercepting an exchange of glances between the good scout and her fiance, Alicia withdrew to the dressing room to ponder her future actions. It was patent that Betty had some hold on Bill. When the announcement of the engagement had been made Betty had been most attentive and her long-lashed brown eyes had remained glued upon the diamond ring.

Alicia looked up from the glowing tip of her cigarette to find Betty seated on the lounge opposite her. "Billy is a stranger in this city. How do you happen to be here, Miss Bernard?"

"Business." Betty's smile was Circelike.

Alicia flamed. The brilliant brown eyes were again fixed upon the betrothal ring. This girl had some hold upon Billy. Probably she intended to make a scene and claim him. She'd not stand the situation an instant longer.

Leaping to her feet, she fairly ran out.

A distinguished-looking man was examining his billfold and talking to Bill.

"I am returning this ring," said Alicia in her best manner; "please take that woman away from here. I'm tired of her."

Betty exchanged a knowing grin with the scarlet Bill.

"I have it here, Bill. Is this the lady?"

Alicia winked back a tear as Bill's father handed over a sheaf of bank notes to the shameless Betty. The bright dream was ended. Bill was a philanderer—unworthy of her worship.

"Thank you," the good scout was saying, tucking the roll of bills in her brocade bag. "I just hated to follow her about, but your son being a stranger could not offer any security for the ring, and so the firm rented him the ring for the evening. Good-night and thanks for the party, Miss Smithers."

Repentantly Alicia turned to her misjudged fiance.

"I—I'm sorry," she began.

"It was the only way I could fix it so you'd have your ring for the party, sweetheart. I couldn't find any one I knew, and—oh well, no use talking. Dad got my wire and rented a plane to come. Miss Bernard is a private detective, you know."

Apparently the bemused Bill had not heard Alicia's jealous speech concerning the beautiful Betty and "twas just as well.

Biggest Gun in World Was Made by France

One of the biggest guns the world has ever contemplated was begun in Britain during the great war. It was a 20-inch monster, firing a shell weighing two tons. It was designed to the order of Lord Fisher, first lord of the admiralty, but the Germans gave in in time. The gun was never completed.

Lord Fisher's gun would have made Germany's "Big Bertha" look silly: "Big Bertha," a gun with a range of 75 miles, was only a freak. It was designed to spread terror by its unexpected and startling range, rather than by the destruction of its shell. The caliber of "Big Bertha" was only 8½ inches, and its 330 pound shell carried only 33 pounds of explosives.

"Big Bertha" did, however, achieve the highest muzzle velocity ever attained by any man-propelled object—5,000 feet per second, or 3,400 miles an hour.

The French, during the World war, made the biggest gun the world has ever seen. It was a monster with a bore of 20½ inches, and a barrel 76 feet long. Its shell weighed 3,200 pounds.

One smack from this gun on Fort Malmaison, in 1918, put the fort, then the strongest ever built, permanently out of action.

This Is News

It's no longer news when man bites dog.

But when dog collides with car—Walter P. Smith, 55-year-old mechanic of Seattle, had a new one for the books.

His told police he was driving his car when he spotted a 90-pound collie dog traveling at a fast clip—and on Smith's side of the street.

Smith stopped his vehicle and waited for the dog to pass. Instead, the animal crashed head on into the car, smashing the grill and radiator.

The collie was injured and Smith estimated damage to his automobile at $200.

Save Roadsides

Everyone who has seen a forest bordered highway turned into an abomination by logging operations has wished that some steps might be taken to preserve the remaining roadside stands.

Wishes, unfortunately, don't solve problems unless some means can be found to convert them into practical action.

A great many solutions of the highway timber problem have been suggested. Without going into all of them it is sufficient to say that the only hope of any immediate remedial action is through legislation in congress.

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Sept. 11.- Farmers are cutting and housing in this section. The hail practically ruined the crops around here blew all the roofing the house of Mrs. S. Stapleton.

Mather, of Hartford, ing her father and and W. A. Weakley.

Moore, of Beckham, the later part of last sburg, where she most two weeks wait- ther, Mrs. Alberta ines ill at the home E. Burge, with whom home.

ghter of Mr. and Mrs. has returned home, several weeks with mond.

H. J. Burge and daughter, visiting her parents, C. E. Moore. Moore to her home in Peters-

Bell has been having ilsky recently from among those visiting Louis Conley, of iana; Mrs. Robert Bedford, Misses Ella the Baltimore, Mrs. ad daughter, Virginia Mr. and Mrs. Her- and Mrs. Clayton Port News.

Mrs. Bennett Harding evening guests of her family, Mr. and Mrs.

and Mrs. Marvin Drinkard dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Macon and and Mrs. William Bur- ughter, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Alice and and Mrs. A. F.

and Mrs. Ashby Mar.n, Ev- Gertrude Martin, spent with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, of Lynch-

Glass Coleman spent th- ther aunt, Mrs. M.

and Mrs. Coleman and Eunice Ivy Bell were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

A. F. Drinkard spent Sun- before last in Lynchburg as the of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Car-

and Mrs. C. D. Gordon and Dorn Bell, of Lynchburg were s guests of Mrs. Luna Bell.

ther Powell, who has been a at the hospital since Febru- returned home much im- ed.

Coleman R. A. Martin is spend- a portion of his vacation in the ood with his mother, Mrs. C. Martin and other relatives.

Martin returned home spending ten days in burg with her cousins, Misses ette and Ella Martin.

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FARM TOPICS

DEPLETED SOILS NEED NITROGEN

Agricultural Colleges Will Help Farmers Test Soil.

By PROF. GEORGE D. SCARSETH
(Soil Chemist, Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station.)

Although there are about 75,000,000 pounds of nitrogen in the air above every acre of land, this plant food is as useless to most growing crops, in its gaseous form, as seawater is to a thirsty man.

Just as salty sea-water must be distilled to obtain suitable drinking water, so atmospheric nitrogen must be combined with oxygen, carbon and hydrogen before it is of any value to growing crops. The process of obtaining useful nitrogen is called "nitrogen fixation."

Legume plants, such as alfalfa, clover and beans, which are among the most primitive of our higher farm plants, have long been the most effective crop in fixing nitrogen in the soil.

The first fixed nitrogen was probably made by lightning flashes long before life appeared on the earth. Eventually single - celled green plants, bacteria, slime moulds and higher plant life became more highly developed until some became host plants for nitrogen-fixing bacteria.

Man would not need to become concerned about the possible lack of fixed nitrogen in the soil if he were able to move continually to newly cleared woodlands every time the fertility of the soil became depleted. Such a procedure was followed in the early days of this country but it is no longer possible.

Although the natural nitrogen supply of our soils was once regarded as inexhaustible, a century of civilization has sharply reduced this precious resource and farmers have to face the problem of supplying crops with plenty of available nitrogen. Fortunately the solution of this problem is relatively simple. Either more nitrogen-fixing plants must be grown and returned to the soil, or nitrogen-carrying fertilizers must be used.

About the best procedure to follow in determining whether nitrogen will be needed is to consider the past performance of the field in question. If the soil is dark in color or black, has received a liberal application of manure or plowed legume, or is an old sod, it is likely that nitrogen will not be a limiting factor in the crop growth. However, if the soil is strongly acid, gray in color, or low in organic matter where legumes have been frequent failures, or manure has not been used, such soils are likely to need nitrogen and it is under these conditions where nitrogen is most likely to give profitable returns.

Farmers need not long remain in doubt as to whether their soil is deficient in nitrogen. Agronomists at the state agricultural colleges are equipped with modern facilities for making tests of the farmer's soil which will quickly reveal its needs for either vital plant food elements such as phosphoric acid and potash. County agents are likewise ready to co-operate in making such tests.

On the basis of the information revealed by the tests, the farmer can select a commercial fertilizer analysis suited to the needs of his land and to the type of crops he plans to grow.

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Believe It or Not, Coeds Really Do Study

The Chicago Vassar club has revealed the answer to what co-eds do with their time. A time survey conducted by Vassar's Student Curriculum committee showed that the students spend an average of 43 hours a week on study.

The 11-week survey, watched by educators all over the country, showed that the college woman of today (at least at Vassar) studies an average of 4½ hours more each week than the co-ed of 15 years ago.

Educational institutions throughout the nation have written to the famed Poughkeepsie college for information on its survey and for copies of the booklet "Where Does Your Time Go?" which was distributed to 1,200 Vassar students.

The students were asked to record the number of hours spent on academic work, exercise, sleep, college activities, absence from college, cultural and miscellaneous activities. The records of 901 students were found acceptable for the survey.

Although 43 hours was the average figure, the hours of study varied from a high of 67 to a low of 20 hours a week. A detailed analysis of time spent on individual courses also showed an uneven distribution. Other hour averages for a typical college week were: exercise, 3.5; sleep, 56; college activities, 3.3; self-help, 2; cultural activities (unrequired lectures, good books, plays, operas), 5; time away from college, 12; and miscellaneous, 56.

Dean C. Mildred Thompson saw the neglect of exercise as the most unsatisfactory finding of the committee.

A special study was made of the reports of the freshman class, in order to determine how its needs and abilities differed from those of the upper classes. The survey showed that the freshmen studied longer than members of the other classes, spent more hours sleeping and less time away from college.

White Gloves Cleaned Easily

The complicated job that white gloves used to mean exists no longer, thanks to Kislav of Paris, whose special processing has made it possible for his gloves to be easily washable with pure soap and hot water. It's as simple as this: After you have swished suds thoroughly through gloves, rinse well in clear, hot water, then lay them flat on a towel. While gloves are still damp . . .

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Pamplin Personal Items Reported

Pamplin, Sept 9.- Mrs. L. M. Southall spent last Tuesday night with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Neal, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Falls, of Richmond were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fitzgerald on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Inge and son, Miss Mamie Inge and Mac Inge spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge, of Wilson.

Miss Lucy Rice, who has been visiting her brother, Clyde Rice, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days at her home here. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Clyde Rice and her daughter, June Rice.

Mrs. J. A. Neal and daughter, Margaret Neal, of Farmville, were guests in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall Sunday.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Ransone were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wallace, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Nellie Forbes, of Richmond, Misses Lucy Otey Davis, Sue Davis, Nancy Davis and Virginia Clair Davis, of Lynchburg.

Jo Ann Williams and Ann Clark were recent guests of their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg.

Misses Ruth Fizer and Frances McManaway were recent guests of Mrs. R. S. Baldwin.

Recent guests in the homee of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brightwell, of Christiansburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Slate and family, of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Baldwin, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Baldwin, of Farmville.

Rev. H. L. Reeves attended the Synod of Virginia meeting at Blackburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Waller Lipike and mother, of Chicago were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Roosevelt opens campaign with labor speech.

Franklin Daniel elected president of state Young Democratic Clubs.

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Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farrar were Mrs. S. M. Thornton and C. S. McDearmon, of Appomattox

Other guests were J. R. Tucker, of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Elliott Cheetham, o f Jacksonville, Florida and J. R. McDarmon, of Richmond.

Mrs. L. M. Pelot, of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Charles Graham, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C. were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs J. W. D. Canada.

The Womans Christian Temperance Unions of Campbell and Appomattox counties held an all-day meeting at the Methodist church here last Thursday.

Recent guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall were Leon Ponton, of Harpersville; Dr. and Mrs. A. G. McCall and son, of College Park, Md., Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, of Baltimore; Mrs. E. A. McCall, Katherine and David McCall of Chicago and Miss Rachel Duncan, of New Boston, Ohio.

Misses Elaine McBarmon and Edith Williams attended the Tobacco Festival at South Boston last week.

Mrs. James Williams visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherfield, of Farmville last week.

Mrs. Walker Smith and baby, of Chatham are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Price.

Lacy Wilkerson, o f Lexington, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Wilkerson.

Mack Bosby George, of Burkeville was a recent guest of Miss Helen Davis.

Luther H. Nash, Sam Nash and Miss Louise Nash are visiting relatives in Washington, D.C.

Miss Eurlean Rosser and Shelburn Buck were dinner guests of Miss Roma Saul near Holiday Lake Thursday.

Pamplin, Sept. 11.- H.T. Ferry Jr. left Saturday for Hargrave Military Academy, where he has accepted a position as mathematics instructor and athletic coach.

Miss Ann A. Jones, of Richmond, has returned home after spending several days with Miss Jane Martin.

Miss Lucy Davis, of Lynchburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. N. Ransone.

Miss Gwendolyn Dunton, of the Eastern Shore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. S. Baldwin.

J. N. Dudley, agricultural instructor of the Amherst high school, was a week-end guest of N. C. Terry.

Miss Mabel Grace Cunningham entertained Misses Jane Martin, Sallie L. Terry, Ann Jones, Grace Hamilton, Mary Sue Watson and Alvis Mae Cunningham at a dinner Wednesday.

Mrs. Flossie Thornton Martin enter ained at a theatre party Saturday night. The guests were Jane Martin, Sallie Terry, Ann Jones, June Rice, George Terry and Jack Hatch.

Miss Virginia Harvey, of Greenville is visiting Mrs. Lily Moses.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton and daughter, Mildred, have returned from Callands, where they visited relatives.

Miss Pauline Dickenson spent last week-end with Hilda Dinkins, of Appomattox.

Miss Gaynell Fore, of Petersburg, recently visited her aunts here, Mrs. Wiley Richardson and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson.

Lacy Dickerson Jr., of Hawaii, is visiting his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leake, of Richmond visited in the home of Mrs. Alice Conally.

Stuart Farrar has returned to Rocky Mount, N. C., after spending the week-end here with his parents.

Jack Hatch has returned to Newport News after a short stay here.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Charlie Rosser were Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Topping, Miss Roma Saul, of Philadelphia and Shelbourn Buck, of Washington, D.C.

Misses Emma Kate Harvey and Mabel Grace Cunningham were among those who attended the Presbyterian conference in Martinsville.

Sally Terry and Ruth Dickerson will leave Wednesday for R. F. C., Farmville, where they will be freshmen. Gertrude Sears and Mabel Cunningham are to be freshmen at Harrisonburg, September 26th.

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